

SENATE RESOLUTION 3

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert D. Tester, Glenn W. Tester, and James E. Tester for their heriosm during World War II.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a generation of young men and women willingly left their various walks of life to fight against fascism and defend liberty, prepared to sacrifice their own lives so that the lives of others might be spared; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Tester, Glenn W. Tester, and James E. Tester were three such young men who enlisted in the Army to join the ranks of soldiers fighting in World War II, ultimately paying the supreme sacrifice of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the children of Milliard and Eliza Tester, Robert, Glenn, and James grew up on their father's farm in the small community of New Victory; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Robert D. Tester, was the eldest of the three brothers, who enlisted in the army when war was declared; after basic training he was sent to the European theatre and later lost his life in North Africa on November 26, 1943; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Glenn W. Tester, was drafted into the army as his brother before him, and was sent to the European theatre at the end of his basic training; after fighting valiantly in France and Italy, he lost his life on January 6, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. James E. Tester, the youngest of the three brothers, participated in the Normandy Invasion and fought in both Germany and France; James gave the ultimate sacrifice of his life on September 17, 1944; and

WHEREAS, as noted by the American Battle Monuments Commission in honor of the three brothers, they “fought and died [for their] country so that we, the living, could bask in freedom and the knowledge that the world is safe for democracy”; and

WHEREAS, the Tester brothers served with great bravery and ability in World War II, sacrificing their lives to secure a safer and better world for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tester brothers performed their duties with the utmost skill, dedication and professionalism, and their service can only be categorized as outstanding;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should join with the people of the community of New Victory and of Washington County in honoring the valor of these three men and other American veterans of this nation’s wars; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize Robert D. Tester, Glenn W. Tester, and James E. Tester for their heroism in World War II and honor the memory of their lives, ultimately sacrificed for the preservation of our democracy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

